







**Op-Ed:        President Should Sign Children's Health Insurance Bill**

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Recently, the United States House of Representatives and the United States Sena

Unfortunately, President

Bush has threatened to veto the bill, which, if sustained, v



Nationwide, the bill reauthorizes SCHIP for the more than 6 million children curren

Looking locally, this bill represents significant progress for health care coverage fo

To be sure, this is a pressing priority for families in South Dakota. And with the cur

But if we fail to           enact this stronger SCHIP Reauthorization, it's likely that millions

While I'm disappointed we couldn't include important Medicare provisions that were

As a member of the Rural Health Care Coalition, I've worked hard to preserve these

But for now, the President has the ball in his court, and the future of this successful